

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Richmond Division

JOE ALEXANDER,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:19-cv-688

DIET MADISON AVENUE, et al.,  
Defendants.

**ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on the proposed intervenor's motion for provisional sealing or for expedited hearing. (Dk. No. 12.) The proposed intervenors, The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., and The Martin Agency, have moved for leave to intervene in this case for limited purpose of sealing portions of the complaint. (See Dk. No. 5.) The proposed intervenors argue that the complaint violates the plaintiff's non-disclosure agreement by publicly identifying the individual who accused the plaintiff of sexual harassment. To protect the accuser's identity, the proposed intervenors ask the Court to provisionally seal the complaint, or in the alternative, to order expedited briefing on their motion to seal.

Upon due consideration, the Court GRANTS IN PART the motion for provisional sealing or for expedited hearing. (Dk. No. 12.) The Court declines to provisionally seal the complaint. The Court, however, will order expedited briefing on the proposed intervenors' motion to seal. (Dk. No. 5.) Within seven (7) days of this Order, the plaintiff shall respond to the motion to seal. The proposed intervenors may file a reply within three (3) days of the plaintiff's response.

It is so ORDERED.

Let the Clerk send a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

Date: 10 October 2019  
Richmond, VA

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John A. Gibney, Jr.  
United States District Judge